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crystal ball to determine what is beneath the ground, how much water will fall, how much water is available, what will happen. We do not know. Instead we are saying we're going to stop this. I suggest that 30 years ago there were water deficient areas in the State of Nebraska. We still have some today. We have had numerous studies. There isn't one person in this room who can tell me in complete fashion the history of the underground water in the State of Nebraska today and how it has deteriorated or how it has improved in the past few years. No one can tell us how much of a gallon of water that is pumped for the uses of irrigation is used, how much is returned, how much is wasted. There are many unanswered questions. I submit it's not going to be the end of the world as I've said if the bill becomes law. There will no doubt be changes in the bill in another year if it does become law. I submit that it is not wrong to bracket the bill.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall LB 577 be bracketed. Record your vote. Have you voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 4 ayes, 24 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Before we read that, Mr. Clerk, we have a distinguished guest and an old friend of the Legislature in the chamber this morning, Mr. Jim Bowie of Chicago, the Executive Director of the Midwest Conference of State Government. This is our twelve state area. He's on his annual visit. Come out and take a bow Jim. For an announcement regarding Jim's visit the Chair recognizes Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, one of the organizations that this Legislature is very tightly involved with is Council of State Governments and especially the Midwest Conference. You talk Midwest Conference you're talking about Jim Bowie. I would suggest to the members here, the ones that have never met Jim that they go over and get acquainted. He's going to stay with us here all day and go out to the cabin tonight. Those that are acquainted with him that you just go over and say hi again and see what he's got to say for you. When you go to Okoboji why this will be the man you'll be looking at that's making all the big plans up there. You can check with him and see whether it's going to be a good deal and if the new ones ought to go.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We do understand that Mr. Bowie will be in the chamber all day. He may circulate among you. We're . . . the next motion on 577 has been withdrawn so we're ready to proceed then with 325.